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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith further to a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) to file a continuation application based on Application Serial No. 08/602,359, filed February 16, 1996, now pending.

Please cancel claim 1 of the application, and add new claims 21-26 as follows:

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--21. (New) An oligonucleotide probe consisting of at least about 15 contiguous nucleotides of a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:23-31 and SEQ ID NO:32.

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22. (New) An oligonucleotide probe fully complementary to an oligonucleotide probe of Claim 21.